

# Strange and Wonderful NEWS FROM NORWICH:

*The like not in all ENGLAND besides.*

*In a Letter from Norwich; to a Friend in London:*

SIR,

**I** Doubt not but you have heard of the Red-hot Zeal of our Town. We are altogether for advancing the Protestant Religion; in order to which (tho' I do not remember one Papist Convicted here these seven years) We tickle off the Non-Cons, and that which makes Father L. Laugh in's sleeve, is to see the Hereticks so smartly Lash'd with the same Rods, that were provided for Catholicicks Backs. --- But enough of that --- We lately Elected Members here to serve next Parliament, and sure no Body will blame us for choosing those that serv'd us so well in the last; for you must note, we hate Abhorrrers. And, so we like Religio Medici very well, presented them an Address against Popery; Which (tho forty to one but you have it in the next Gazette) I here send you, perhaps you'll look for some mention of the Popish Plot and Successor and 20 other odd things in it: But I'll assure you, That's the fault of the Scribe, who sat up a little too late drinking the Dukes Health, and so clearly forgot them. However you may see We are free enough of our Money; and that's one Symptome of Good-Nature, though in Truth we do but put out this Complement to usury: For we hope (if Fawning and Wagging the Tail will do it) to see ere long the Parliament appointed at the Loyal City of Norwich; where to entertain them I'll assure you we have a pack of Sermon-readers can mow a Text as sorely as any at Bristol, Chichester or Ludgate it self, yet still you are not bound by the Canon to Believe that this whole City joyned in this Address, for there was a small parcel of about 2000 that never heard on't; but its enough, 'twas under Common Seal, and done by those that Rule the Roast, and you know the Gibbets generally go with the Goose; however I send it you (as people shew Masters) for a Rarity, being confident all England cannot shew the like, except the Worshipful Burrough of Orickland put in for a snack; Oh happy Popish Successor! that has at least 250 little People in a whole Kingdom, that dare espouse his Interest! My Service to your good Lady, and our Conuntry man Roger, who I hear is come again, and Reprinting his Case with Additions,

*I am your Humble Servant*

T. W.

*To the Right Honourable the Lord Paston, an Augustine Briggs Esq;*  
*the most cordial sence of the truly Loyal Freemen and Citizens of the said*  
*City, submitted to their prudent Considerations by and with the consent of*  
*ih Common Councel of the same City, declared under the Common Seal.*

**V**VE do with all Gratitude, return you our most hearty Thanks for your great and indefatigable Care in the Service of His Majesty and your Country as our Representatives in the late Parliament; not doubting but you did faithfully and worthily discharge the Trust reposed in you by the Electors. Therefore we do earnestly desire, seeing you are again Chosen to serve in the ensuing Parliament, That you would with all Cheerfulness and Earnestness, endeavour to the utmost of your power to preserve his Majesties Person and Government both in Church and State, as it is now by Law established. And

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And we not only desire your endeavours to defend his Majesties Person and Established Government, but also his Honour and Grandeur, as well by Punishing and Suppressing all Seditious and Scandalous Libellers of his Person and Government, as also by Granting his Majesty such suitable Supplies, as his urgent Occasions shall require, which we hope may be an effectual means to secure this Nation from Popery and Faction.

And lastly, We most Humbly desire you to become Humble Suitors to His Majesty, for the continuance of his Favour towards, and good Opinion of his Loyal and Obedient Subjects and Citizens of *Norwich*, and to assure his most gracious Majesty that we do resolve to stand by Him, his Heirs and Lawful Successors with our Lives and Fortunes against all Oppositions and Pretensions whatsoever, as we are obliged by our Allegiance.

**B**UT all People are not of one mind, and therefore to please as many as we can, we shall here add the Address of that Great and Loyal County of *YORK*, to the Right Honourable Persons by them Elected Kts. of the Shire, for the approaching Parliament, as follows.

*To the Right Honorable Charles Lord Clifford, and Henry Lord Fairfax.*

*May it please your Lordships.*

**T**HE Assurances we had of your Fidelity and Activity for the Service of our King and Country, in the Parliament began at *Westminster*, the sixth of *March* 1678. was the only reason of our Choice of you to represent us in the last Parliament, and our Experience of your Faithfulness and Diligence in the same Service, the last Parliament, is the only ground of our uncontradicted Choice of you again this day, into the same Trust, for the ensuing Parliament, and we judge it our Duty, as good Protestants, Loyal Subjects and true English-men, not only to express our hearty concurrence with you in, but also to return you our real and publick Thanks, for the many good things you did and were about to do, in both the last Parliaments, and more especially for your seasonable Address to his Majesty, your necessary Votes, Resolutions, Orders and Bills, whereby you have endeavoured

1. To preserve the Protestant Religion, his Majesties Person, and the Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, from the many Dangers which threaten them.

2. To Exclude a Popish Successor.

3. To Unite all his Majesties Protestant Subjects.

4. To purge out the Corruptions which abound, in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament; and

5. To secure us for the future against Popery and Arbitrary Power, and we entreat you to proceed in a Parliamentary way to the accomplishment of these excellent things; and we assure you that these things being done, we shall with great cheerfulness be willing to supply his Majesty, to the utmost of our Abilities with Money, for the securing of his Interest, both at home and abroad.

*This Paper was presented to the Lords above-named, when they were Elected Knights for York-shire, last Munday 28th. of Febr. in the Castle at York, which being publicly read, there was mighty Acclamations, fully testifying the Universal consent of the Gentlemen and Freeholders.*

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